

# The White Birch

The Newsletter of the Shire of Rokeclif

April XLVI (2012)

## Seneschal's Missive

We did it! We hosted “the best Bardic Madness ever”. At least that’s the kind of comment I heard in the parking lot on Sunday morning, from sleep-deprived revelers. Ninety people attended, and we didn’t lose money. The hotel staff was extremely helpful, putting up extra tables and fixing temperatures at the snap of a finger. Geoffrey, Robert, Radegunde and Samuel aided Bronisláva and Kudrun in many ways. Folks from Caer Antherth to Castel Rouge, from Shattentor to Mistig Waetru made the day special. There were at least three kingdoms represented. Bardic Madness had cowbell! I’m looking forward to seeing the videos of the challenges on You Tube.

So — what do we do for an encore?

THL<sup>2</sup> Kudrun

LEATHER UPDATE — The leather we stretched was brought to the meeting, but we didn’t distribute it. Folks who helped stretch the deerhide can lay claim to a portion of the hide at the April A&S meeting. If you can’t be there, let Kudrun know how much leather you want for your project.. We seem to have had other things to do at the populace meeting.

## Next Meetings

- April 4 — Research Night — Bronislava’s
- April 11 — King Gambrinus’ birthday and A&S Night — Cybele’s
- April 25 \*** — Populace Meeting — King Street Kitchen
- May 2 — Research Night — Bronislava’s
- May 9 — A&S Night?
- May 23 \*** — Populace meeting



\* Notice the change of populace meeting dates to the fourth Wednesday. This should allow us to avoid conflicts with another social group.

This month’s font is called “Kingthings Petrock”. I don’t know what the designer had in mind, but I like it.

# Minutes of the Populace Meeting

March 21, 2012      King Street Kitchen

Present: Radegund, Avery, Samuel, Cybele, Geoffrey, Bronislava, Kudrun, Failend, Jim

Kudrun read another letter from Pierre de Champagne.

The meeting was called to order by deputy herald Bronislava at 6:35.

Chirurgeon, Herald, and Rapier dudes were AWOL. A&S and Equestrian had no report.

Chatelaine pointed out a member who was attending his first populace meeting, Huge applause ensued.

We decided to move the populace meetings to the fourth Wednesday of each month, since a member seems to have other meetings on the third. Next populace meeting will be April 25th, probably at King Street Kitchen. We will also move all meetings back to 6:00 PM.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to Bardic Madness, which is now history, so all the sniggly little detail bits are pretty much irrelevant. They included the time for closing the gate (noon — though a couple gents came in at 9PM!), signs, water in the performance area and classrooms, gate money... The usual pre-event panic stuff. The booklets were all printed, folded and sewn by Geoffrey, Kudrun, and (gasp!) Bronisláva on the March 10 work day.

Cybele reported that That Moot Thingy was a delightful event.

The meeting was oyezed back into disorder at 7:37.



## A&S Activity

Geoffrey — sewed booklets,

started garb, killed a sewing machine,  
decorated Eithni's cowbell

Cybele — Finished dress,

Wrote funny song for Bardic Madness

Bronisláva — Practiced the Art of Diplomacy,  
sewed booklets

Radegund — Researched mac & cheese,

Looking for contact info for local spinners and weavers.  
Making a baby (an activity documentable to period)

Kudrun — made a cashbox for gate,

made booklets & helped fold and sew them,  
worked on contrafacta research  
decorated cowbells

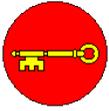
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2 *Psalm* 100. **TENOR** I. Dowland *Dott. of M.*

L people that on earth do dwell sing to the Lord with cheerful voice: Him serue with feare, his praye forth tell, come ye before him and reioyce.  
 A-las my loue, you do me wrong, to cast me off dif-cur-teous-lye: And I haue lou-ed you fo long, Delighting in your com-pan-ye.

## Upcoming Events

- April 14 Spring Coronation — Vilku Urvas (Grand Rapids MN)
  - April 21 THACO3 — Nordskogen (St Paul MN) A fighting event
  - April 21 Ides of March — (Cavour SD) Pretty funny date for this event.
  - May 12 Crown Tourney — Castel Rouge
  - May 19 Burn, Baby Burn — Shattered Oak (Eau Claire area) All about fire
  - May 19 Lamb to Loom — Turm an dem See (Sheboygan) Fiber from sheep to fabric!
  - May 26 Castle Fever — Silfren mere (Rochester MN)
  - May 26 Arrg! — Jararvellir (Montello WI) A rapier event
  - May 26 Youth get a castle — Caer Antherth Mawr (Milwaukee area) An event for kids!
  - June 2 Mermaids — Turm an dem See (Valders WI)
  - June 16 SUN and Heralds and Scribes [Oh, my!] — Nordleigh (Owatonna MN)
- Lots more — really — check the Northshield calendar
- July 12-15 Warriors & Warlords — Boscobel WI — The event with everything, including merchants.  
 This is the one to save up for... unless you're a scribe and heard Mikey's request for bards.

This list is far from complete. It's mostly events nearby, or of particular importance. Consult [www.Northshield.org](http://www.Northshield.org) for a complete event schedule.